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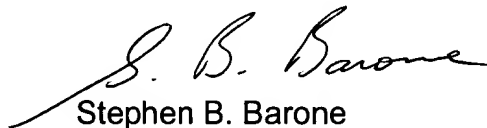
On August 5, 2004, Examiner Wells and Supervisor Examiner Padmanabham participated in a telephone interview with Stephen B. Barone, representative for the Applicants. Examiners Wells and Padmanabham are sincerely thanked for providing this opportunity to discuss the pending Office Action in this application.

Pending rejections of the Office Action of April 20, 2004 were discussed. Arguments were presented against the pending rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103. The scope of the disclosure in International Application WO 93/15768 (Watson *et al.*) was discussed. Applicants argued that Watson *et al.* did not disclose, enable or suggest the binding interaction of fibrin with graphitic carbon particles. Further, Applicants argued that the step of binding graphitic particles having a detectable marker to fibrin is unobvious in light of the prior art of record.

In addition, proposed amendments to the claims for the purpose of expediting prosecution were discussed. Specifically, Applicants inquired into the patentability of claims reciting the step of "binding said outer surface of said graphitic particles to said fibrin." Applicants argued that support for the proposed amendments was in the specification and claims as filed.

Further, a variety of procedural steps of moving this case forward were discussed including filing a response to the pending Office Action, filing a Notice of Appeal and filing a Request for Continued Examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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